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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, GUATEMALAN G-2 REPLIED SEPTEMBER 19 TO ROUTINE REQUEST FROM DATT TO CCSIT POPTUNHCND SANTO TOMAS DE CASTILLA, ASKING THAT TRIP BE POSTPONED TO A FUTURE DATE THAT G-2 WOULD AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME SPECIFY. REASON GIVEN WAS THAT "SUBVERSIVE OUTBREAKS OF SOME IMPORTANCE" HAD BEEN DETECTED IN THE AREA REFERRED TO AND THEREFORE "IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SUPPLY (DATT) NECESSARY SECURITY AT THE PRESENT TIME."

2. ON SEPTEMBER 23 COMUSMILGP RECEIVED LETTER SIGNED BY COS, BRIG. GEN. SPIEGLER, REPLYING TO ROUTINE REQUEST FOR MILGP OFFICERS TO VISIT SIPACATE AND SANTO TOMAS NAVAL BASES AND PUERTO BARRIOS AND ZACAPA MILITARY BASES.

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LETTER SYAS "IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE RECEIVE (ADVISERS)

AT THE INDICATED DESTINATION, BECAUSE LATELY BANDS OF CRIMINALS (ASALTANTES) HAVA APPEARED IN THOSE PLACES AND FOR REASONS OF SECUREITY THIS COMMAND DOES NOT CONSIDER THE VISIT TO THOSE MILITARY COMMANDS CONVENIENT."

3. COMMENT: LETTERS AND DECISION BEHIND THEM ARE OBVIOUSLY COORDINATED. DATT DELIVERED TO G-2 SEPTEMBER 24 ANOTHER REQUEST COVERING TRAVEL FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, AND

MILGP WILL FILE ANOTHER TRAVEL SCHEDULE ON SEPTEMBER 26, BUT WE DO NOT EXPECT APPROVAL. THEIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN AT LEAST 20 YEARS THAT GUATEMALA MILGP REQUEST TO TRAVEL HAS BEEN DISAPPROVED. THERE ARE NO KNOWN SUBVERSIVE OR SIGNIFICANT CRIMINAL BANDS IN ANY OF THE AREAS MENTIONED. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE GOG RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR VISIT TO GUATEMALA BY CAPTAIN BOSTON, COMUSNAVSO, WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO THEM SEPTEMBER 23. MELOY

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